

This bill repeals the funding for the Exchanges and eliminates that flexibility.

Repeal would deny Illinois and every other State the funding needed to setup a unique State solution for improving and fixing broken insurance markets.

This bill undermines the work already being done in Illinois and, given the State budget situation, will likely mean Illinois would be unable to run its own State-based health insurance Exchange.

In September, Illinois received a \$1 million grant to begin planning and establishing its Exchange.

Without funding to move to implementation, we won't have the resources to get our Exchange up and running and millions of Illinoisans will lose access to affordable, adequate health insurance coverage.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAYOR
DEBORAH DUNCAN DuBOIS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Deborah Duncan DuBois, who passed away on April 30, 2011. Mrs. DuBois, known to family, friends and admirers as "Desca," was serving her second term as Mayor of the Town of Lake Park, Florida at the time of her death, having been re-elected without opposition. Mayor DuBois loved her town and Lake Park citizens loved her. Her dedication to good government was made clear by her longtime service on the town's Code Compliance Board, including six years as its chair, and her work with the Florida League of Cities. She also served on the League of Mayors and as one of the Palm Beach County League's Legislative Voting Delegates. Lake Park residents are also indebted to Mayor DuBois for helping to establish the local Historical Society, serving as its volunteer President for several years.

A native of Barnwell, South Carolina, Desca DuBois attended the University of South Carolina on a theater scholarship. She also studied at the Columbia Museum School and, most recently, attended Palm Beach Community College, where she was accepted to the Honor Society. Mayor DuBois was a professor at the prestigious American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City, where she taught stage and theatrical movement. During her career, she also worked with the Educational TV Network in South Carolina and appeared on CBS Network Morning News.

Among her many talents, she was known as an accomplished artist, having presented a dozen solo art exhibits and participated in 34 group art shows. She was proud to have individual mural and major group mural projects in her curriculum vitae.

Mr. Speaker, Deborah Duncan DuBois was a truly remarkable lady who represented everything that is great about America. She was a credit to her town, my district and our nation. Her absence will be felt by everyone who appreciates good government, the arts and devotion to making our world a better place.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PRIVATE
BRANDON T. PICKERING

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Private First Class Brandon T. Pickering, from Ft. Thomas, Kentucky, who lost his life on April 10, 2011 from wounds he suffered while fighting enemy forces in Wardak Province, Afghanistan on April 8th.

A 2008 graduate of Highlands High School, Brandon joined the Army in September 2009.

After completing basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, based in Fort Polk, Louisiana. He deployed with his unit to Afghanistan in October of 2010.

His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the NATO Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Brandon's family and friends, especially his parents.

We are all deeply indebted to Brandon Pickering for his service and his sacrifice. By giving his life for the freedom of others, we are reminded of the great price at which our freedom is preserved.

TRIBUTE TO JIM BAILEY

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Jim Bailey, who has served the City of Plattsburgh, New York for almost two decades the city's historian. Jim stepped down from his post in April last month.

Jim has both kept and contributed to the history of the city of Plattsburgh—and our region as a whole—for almost two decades. A native of Elizabethtown, he is a true product of the North Country. After graduating from SUNY Albany, Jim taught at Beekmantown Central School for more than a decade and also served as an adjunct professor in Mathematics at Plattsburgh State.

Jim's dedication to his community is shown every day through his professional and personal relationships. He is well regarded throughout Clinton County and is spoke of highly by everyone he knows.

Through his steadfast resolve and dedication to preserve the past events of the City of Plattsburgh, Jim Bailey has become a part of its history.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude and congratulations to Jim Bailey upon his retirement as the history of the City of Plattsburgh for his years of service to those around him.

REPEALING MANDATORY FUNDING
FOR SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER
CONSTRUCTION

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1214) to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction:

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Chair, I voted against H.R. 1214, which would repeal the grants for the construction and expansion of school-based health centers. The Affordable Care Act included funding to expand school-based health programs across America so that we can provide better care for our children. Students who are healthy are ready to learn.

School-based health centers provide our children with quality, comprehensive care that includes mental health services, social services and preventative care. A survey conducted by the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care found that when properly funded, school-based health centers help fill the gap in access to health services, especially for rural and underserved populations.

These centers are accountable to their communities through an advisory board made up of local representatives, family organizations and parents. These programs bring health care to our kids and provide service without concern for whether or not they can afford it.

In my state of Oregon, we are part of the School Mental Health Capacity Building Partnership to examine and improve mental health programs to be used in school-based health centers. As an early-adopter state for these centers, Oregon was selected to be one of four states to lead the way on this research. This important work, focused on tailoring mental health care to better meet our children and youths needs, relies on the school-based health center funding and will be jeopardized by this legislation.

H.R. 1214 would prevent us from investing in our children and driving down future health care costs. At the start of this Congress, the only alternative the Republicans offered to the Affordable Care Act was a repeal-and-do-not-replace approach that is irresponsible at best.

The Affordable Care Act is not perfect, but Congress should be focused on implementing the Act, and refining—not repealing—its provisions. I oppose this legislation.

HONORING WILLIAM DOTSON—
WEST VIRGINIA AFFORDABLE
HOUSING HALL OF FAME IN-
DUCTEE

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fellow West Virginian, William Dotson, who is the honored inductee of the West Virginia Affordable Housing Hall of Fame.

It is fitting that the community of housing professionals honor Bill because of his sterling

record of commitment to our communities. He has earned the right to take pride in his holistic view of building a team in the office, and his successful planning gives us equal license to be proud of the many neighborhoods enhanced and communities strengthened by his vision.

Much more than an excellent public administrator, Bill pushed budgets and programs to fruition on little more than compassion and hope, and in the end, the course of people's lives were forever changed. His resume of experience and professional participation exhausts the reader, but it pales in comparison to the individuals and families to whom he provided dignity and proved the worth of the human endeavor.

Too often words like "commitment" and "dedication" and expressions such as "long hours of hard work" are bantered about, and then we meet someone with Bill's achievements. Words seem hardly enough.

Yet, what the public sector lacks in volume—namely money—it easily makes up for in heartfelt thanks. While Bill cannot cash it in any earthly banks, he can invest it here on a nice-sized spread that awaits him through the Pearly Gates.

And, while the poet could easily honor Bill as "the friend of man," our great honor is to call him our friend, and offer him sincere congratulations.

COMMEMORATING HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom Hashoah, and to pay tribute to the men, women, and children murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust.

This week, we pause to join in solidarity with people around the world to remember one of the darkest chapters in human history. During the Holocaust, six million Jews were killed, and countless others were brutalized, raped, dehumanized, and robbed. The world pledged "Never Again" would such a tragedy be allowed to occur, but over sixty years later we continue to fight anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred and intolerance, even genocide.

The Days of Remembrance hold a deep meaning for me, as a Jew, and for my community. My district, the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, is home to one of the largest concentrations of Holocaust survivors in the country. An estimated 3,500 Holocaust survivors live in the Chicago area, including the Village of Skokie, which boasts a vibrant Jewish community built by survivors in the 1940s and 50s. The community recently celebrated the opening of the new Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, a state of the art facility dedicated to preserving the memory of the Holocaust.

This year, we also mark the 65th anniversary of the verdicts at the first of the Nuremberg trials, as well as the 50th anniversary of the trial of Adolf Eichmann. By holding the perpetrators of genocide legally accountable for their heinous crimes, those trials were de-

fining moments in the evolution of international justice. The trials also produced a comprehensive record of the Holocaust by collecting both documentary evidence and survivor testimony.

In a world where genocide and other massive violations of human rights are far too prevalent, it is critical that we preserve the history of the Holocaust and the memories of survivors and other witnesses. This week, we pause to remember all those who perished, honor those who survived, and redouble our pledge to fight genocide, intolerance, and persecution wherever they occur.

HONORING AUSTIN HEYMAN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a longtime advocate for seniors and intergenerational programs, my constituent and friend Austin Heyman.

A delegate to two White House Conferences on Aging, Austin has had a long and distinguished career in service to our community and nation. His visionary leadership in Montgomery County, Maryland led to his founding of Interages, a non-profit organization that seeks to build bridges and relationships between generations. Interages' intergenerational programs have brought children and older adults together for 25 years. Indeed, since its founding in 1986, thousands of children and isolated older adults from senior facilities have benefited from participation in its programs, allowing dedicated and caring older adult volunteers and tutors, who are the heart of Interages, to make a significant difference in the lives of children. Austin served as Interages' Director from 1986–1997. His effect on countless lives cannot be overestimated.

In addition to his work with Interages, Austin has been deeply involved with numerous community groups, working on educational and youth issues. The list of leadership positions he has held is a lengthy one, and includes his service as the first Chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth, President of the Montgomery County Council of PTAs, member of the Maryland Task Force on Guidance and Counseling, founding board member and Vice-Chair of the Volunteer Partnership Montgomery and Co-Leader of the John Macy Leadership Seminar. He has served on the Retired Seniors Volunteer Programs Advisory Council and the Community Relations Committee of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.

Austin's contributions to our community have earned him numerous honors. He received the Award for Distinguished Service to Public Education from the Montgomery County Board of Education and the Montgomery County Paths of Achievement Award. Austin was inducted into the Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame in 2008 and the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 2009.

Austin has served as the moderator for two county cable television programs—"Seniors Today" and "Montgomery Citizens Agenda." He initiated the Vital Living Initiative in 1999 and currently chairs the Montgomery County Vital Living Steering Committee. In 2001 he

proposed the creation of a Senior Leadership Montgomery class; his proposal was implemented by Leadership Montgomery in 2002.

Early in his career Austin served as an attorney with a private law firm in New York City, which was followed by a distinguished career with the United States Agency for International Development. At USAID, he represented the United States on the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris. Austin earned undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University, a Master's degree in International Public Policy from John Hopkins and a Certificate from the Academy of International Law at The Hague.

Austin's contributions and passions are numerous, but his commitment to our senior citizens rises above all else. Austin believes that our communities must prepare for the aging of its residents and be communities "for all seasons of our lives." He sees seniors as an invaluable resource in our midst to be embraced as volunteers to mentor youth and to share the skills and knowledge accumulated over a lifetime to benefit our community. Austin has dedicated his efforts to ensuring that our senior citizens can age with dignity, purpose and quality of life.

Austin is the father of David and Stephen and grandfather of Madeline, Henry, and Miles. His wonderful wife Barbara, to whom he has been married for many years, shares Austin's commitment to community service.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in expressing my gratitude to Austin Heyman for his outstanding service.

REPEALING MANDATORY FUNDING FOR SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER CONSTRUCTION

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1214) to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Chair, I make a motion to strike the last word. I oppose H.R. 1214, a bill that would repeal mandatory funding for school-based health centers construction.

Funding for the school-based health centers will ensure that nearly 2 million children and adolescents across the country will have access to quality comprehensive medical care, mental health services, oral health services, preventive care, social services, and youth development. These centers typically help children and adolescents who often do not have access to family doctors of their own.

School-based health centers have demonstrated their successes and accomplishments in attracting harder to reach populations, especially minorities and males and providing crucial services such as mental health care and high-risk behavior screens. Some analysts have reported that 10 out of 21 adolescents were more likely to come to school-based health centers for mental health services than other types of health facilities.